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CONGRESSMAN RUSSELL'S GOOD WORK.

Congressman Russell rendered an invaluable service to the district he represents by his successful fight for the passage of the flood control bill. This measure provides for a flood proof levee from Cairo to the Gulf, redeeming thousands of acres of Southeastern Missouri land from overflow.

The bill benefits all of the farmers whose land runs beside the river, whether in this State or those that lie between this city and the Gulf. But there is no State that will reap a greater benefit than Missouri, and none should be more grateful.

Mr. Russell's efforts in behalf of this measure have made him the target for paragraphs on metropolitan newspapers in many States, but his persistence has not only won a victory for this Southeast Missourian, but it rendered a service to the nation.

COL. SORRELL, THE FISH POLICEMAN.

Col. Sorrell, of Bloomfield a deputy game warden, is writing to the St. Louis newspapers, deploring the report that the Legislature is going to abolish the office of deputy game and fish warden. Mr. Sorrell is not appealing to the Missouri solons as a game warden, but he speaks of the fearful damage the Southeast Missouri farmers will sustain.

Col. Sorrell points out the fact that Southeast Missouri agriculturists would cry out in a loud voice, if they felt the Legislature would do anything so rash as to whittle off Col. Sorrell's position.

We admire the spirit of Col. Sorrell. From what he says, we take it as a matter of course that he is well pleased with his position and would not insist upon a raise so long as the State has a deficit of about \$2,000,000.

As an unbiased spectator, we should be opposed to disposing of deputy game wardens. So long as Missouri has the streams and the fish, we believe that we should maintain a few anglers who have authority to fish wherever and whenever they choose and chase anyone else off the fish preserves.

Southeast Missouri does not get many appointments, and we are delighted to know that Col. Sorrell is on the payroll, even if he is only a fish policeman. There is something akin to sportsmanship about a fish warden, as we understand it, and we believe Col. Sorrell's defense of his position is that of a sport. If we had any influence with our new Governor, we would put on the pressure for Col. Sorrell of Bloomfield.

WILL THE FRISCO BE PUNISHED?

The Frisco Railroad proposes to excuse its action in removing the machinery from the local shops on the grounds that the machines had not been used since they were installed here several years ago. This is but an excuse without any foundation of facts. The machines removed were in use a few hours before they were loaded for shipment to Springfield.

One year ago, there were enough machinists working in the local shops to repair one dozen cars a day. A watchman or two represent the force now employed.

The city will be guilty of gross neglect if the Frisco is not compelled to abide by its agreement with Cape Girardeau. The railroad will take every opportunity to evade its obligations, and unless the city officials take a firm stand, the Frisco will repudiate every agreement it ever made.

It is open to a fine for every day it violated its contract to begin work on the depot. The franchise specified that the station was to have been under construction three years ago, but there is nothing more tangible than promises in sight, and if they are no more binding than those of the past have been, the city occupies the same position of the snipe hunter squatting beside the sack.

Cape Girardeau must either compel the Frisco to keep every clause in its contract, or permit it to repudiate them all. The city has been too lenient with the railroad, but to countenance further impositions on the part of the Frisco is to be derelict.

Either the railroad must keep its franchise or it should be punished to the limit. When is the city going to act?

Goosebone Harks Back To Days Of Graft In Council

Col. Matt Morrison Tells When He and Other City Lawmakers Divided City Property Among Themselves.

Col. Matt Morrison, the goosebone prophet, called at The Tribune office for his weekly interview yesterday, but declined to discuss the weather, except to say that his prediction of a long and severe winter had been fulfilled.

"All this talk about the coming city campaign," remarked the Colonel, "reminds me of the time when I was boss, 25 years ago. I was in the council for 18 years and it was good picking for a councilman then."

"I remember one time when the council, of which I happened to be a member, divided about two dozen city lots among us. We just met in a secret conference and decided to turn over so many lots to each councilman. A councilman didn't have to worry about the salary then. He got his or the side."

"Whenever anybody dropped in to ask a favor of me, I just told him to lose something near me in the council chamber. This always meant a ten dollar bill, and as soon as the meeting adjourned, I'd pile down on the floor and pick up the change. As soon as I collected the spool, I'd tell 'em to go chase themselves and I voted as I pleased."

"We didn't have any pickers in the

city offices then. Whenever I got an office, I didn't talk about the salary. It was the extra pickin' that I wanted to get next to."

"Now, I see President Wilson is asking a big bundle of money on suspicion. He tells Congress to slip a committee \$400,000 to investigate this high cost of living subject. Wouldn't that cook your goose? Who ever heard of investigatin' somethin' you already know to be a fact."

"I'd like to get a seat in Congress for one term. When I got out, I'd have enough money to buy J. Pierpont Morgan and give him to Rockefeller. And just between us, it looks to me like old man Lloyd George is gettin' his belly plum full of this submarine war. When all them ham an' eggs went down on that big ship last Sunday, Lloyd George let out an awful squawk. They'll be eatin' one another over there in the next four weeks, mind what I tell you."

MONEY IN EGGS

Eggs are not bankable but the money from their sale is. This money is yours for the effort. How do you treat the hen that lays the Golden Eggs? B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy will keep the poultry in good condition and increase the yield in eggs. We guarantee this and refund your money if not satisfied.

DOING THE WORK

W. T. Nancey, Noel, Mo., writes, "Your B. A. Thomas' Hog Powder is doing the work down in this part of the world. It proved to be what we needed to prevent and cure hog cholera and swine worms."

P. F. BRAUN & BROS.

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans will be held this afternoon in the Cuhon building.

BLAZE DESTROYS BUCKNER STORE LOSS IS \$10,000

Lighted Cigar or Cigarette, Dropped by Dancer, Thought to Have Caused Fire.

\$1,100 PIANO BURNS WITH GROCERY STORE

South Side Club Rooms Are Reduced to Ruins—Only \$4000 Insurance Carried.

The two-story store and ball rooms, owned by Roy and Arthur Buckner, at Elm and Ellis, was burned early this morning, entailing a loss estimated at more than \$10,000.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed to have been started by a lighted cigarette stub. The blaze broke out in the hall at the foot of the stairway leading from the first to the second floor.

A dance had been given last night in the upper part of the building by the foremen of the shoe factory. This entertainment lasted until about 3 o'clock this morning. As the guests filed out of the building, it is believed someone carelessly dropped a stub of a cigar or cigarette on the floor, which ignited the woodwork.

The flames were discovered shortly after 3:30 o'clock by Everett Cox, who lives across the street from the scene. He notified the fire department, which responded promptly, but did not take with them sufficient hose to handle the blaze. Before an adequate supply was procured from the engine house, the blaze gained a big headway, which the firemen were unable to overcome.

Roy Buckner notified The Tribune after the blaze had been burning an hour that he had sustained a total loss, which would be in excess of \$10,000.

The first floor of the two-story brick building was occupied as a general grocery store. He carried a stock of about \$1500, he said. A piano, which had recently been purchased at a cost of \$1100, was destroyed as was the entire stock of groceries, fixtures and furnishings together with the loss of the building. Mr. Buckner said, would bring the total to more than \$10,000, on which he carried about \$4000 in insurance.

The building, which occupied a space of 40x60 feet, was completed in January of last year. It was owned by the two brothers. It was two stories high and well constructed.

Mr. Buckner said he could not explain the origin unless it was caused by a cigar or cigarette. It was at first believed that the fire had originated near the furnace in the basement, but it was later learned that it was first discovered in the hall, which is not near the furnace.

The hall was the headquarters of the Pong Leaf Club, which held frequent b.b.s in the large dance hall. The organization is composed of the young men and young ladies of the South Side. The rooms were well furnished with chairs, tables and the piano. The two brothers, it was stated this morning, would lose at least \$6000, which was not covered by the insurance.

SCHAEFER AGAIN CHOSEN BANK HEAD

Judge William B. Schaefer was re-elected president of the Cape Exchange Bank at the annual meeting last night, and the old board was chosen to succeed themselves. William F. Meyer was also re-elected cashier.

The board of directors are: William B. Schaefer, David B. Smith, A. R. Zoelsmann, A. H. Mueller and Charles H. Overstolz.

A detailed report of the business for the first year was presented to the officers. Although this institution is less than one year old, it showed an earning in addition to paying the salaries and expenses of the bank for the year, as well as the cost of organizing it.

The Board of Directors were well satisfied with the showing thus far, and it was predicted that the bank would double its business during the current year.

The bank's deposits now are approximately \$65,000, which is said to be almost a record for an institution of its capitalization within the space of time it has been in its existence. Since it opened for business last spring it has averaged gaining one new depositor each day. Its total depositors now exceed 300, it was stated last evening.

LEGAL NOTICES.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of John Gustav Bochner, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to be held at Jackson, Missouri, beginning on the 12th day of February, 1917.

Fritz W. Bochner, Executor.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary Myer, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to be held at Jackson, Missouri, beginning on the 12th day of February, 1917.

E. G. Schoen, Executor.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of William Neimstedt, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to be held at Jackson, Missouri, beginning on the 12th day of February, 1917.

E. J. Neimstedt, Administrator.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of James Brooks, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to be held at Jackson, Missouri, beginning on the 12th day of February, 1917.

Chas. L. Brooks, Administrator.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Anthony (Antone) Benaon, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, on the 29th day of January, 1917. Persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate. And if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of this publication they shall be forever barred.

Dated Jan. 29, 1917.

Charles Blattner,

Public Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Marie Schaefer, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 1st day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Wm. B. Schaefer, Executor.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of R. P. Wilkinson, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 7th day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

L. M. Wilkinson,

Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of William Foesta, deceased have been granted to the undersigned, by the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 12th day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said

RUSSELL WINS FIGHT FOR HIS FLOOD MEASURE

Senate Passes Bill to Build Levee From Cairo to the Gulf—To Be Law.

\$45,000,000 GIVEN TO AID THE FARMER

Missouri Congressman Made Vigorous Fight to Induce Senate to Adopt Bill.

By International News Service.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Congressman Joseph J. Russell of Missouri won a victory tonight when the United States Senate passed the Humphrey's flood control bill, appropriating \$40,000,000 for a levee system from Cairo to the Gulf and \$6,500,000 to be used in harnessing other rivers that run into the Mississippi, north of Cairo. The measure, which passed the House last session, was approved by the Senate tonight by a vote of 40 to 16.

Congressman Russell waged an untiring fight for the flood control bill, which he assisted in drafting. He was one of its chief defenders in the House last session, and he worked incessantly for its adoption by the Senate. It was largely due to his influence that Senators Stone and Reed took the bill up today, and through their efforts five hours were set aside for debate on the measure in the Senate.

The bill calls for a flood-proof levee from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf of Mexico. Due to the fact that the appropriation not only insures the control of the Mississippi River, but prevented the overflow of much of Southeast Missouri, Congressman Russell made a commendable fight for the measure.

The undertaking is one of the largest tasks ever planned by the Government in river improvement. It will prevent for all times damage to the fertile land lying along the eastern and western banks of the world's greatest river.

It probably will make the river navigable for sea-going vessels from the Gulf as far north as Cairo, at least in certain seasons of the year.

Congressman Russell fought for the passage of the bill in both houses. When it failed to get consideration from the Senate at the last session, many members of Congress considered it dead. The Missourian and a few other supporters, however, kept it alive.

It is understood tonight that President Wilson has favored the measure since its introduction, and will sign it.

C. C. Foesta, Administrator.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Louisa Risig, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 1st day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Chas. Blattner, Administrator.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Emma McLain, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 23d day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

A. N. Caldwell.

Mrs. William O'Brien is spending several days with her relatives in St. Louis. She will also visit her mother in Springfield, Ill., before returning.

The Bridge Club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Leuer on North Lorimer street. The following were present: Mesdames Iska Carmack, Charles Harrison, W. Palmer Oliver, Geo. Meyer, Charles Himmelberger, W. S. Albert and Miss Hazel Harrison.

WASHINGTON FEAST GIVEN BY PUPILS

After Repast Miss Hoch's Play Wins Applause—Hatchet and Tree Shown.

The members of the School Board and Superintendent Crocker were last night entertained at dinner served by the senior cooking class of the Central High School under the direction of Miss Kelly. The table was decorated with a cherry tree, bearing a small hatchet, while the menu cards were shaped like hatchets. Everything was carried out in a Washington idea, reminding the diners of the story told of Washington when he hewed the cherry tree in his father's yard.

Several short appropriate addresses were made by members of the School Board. All the members of the cooking class were present.

Following the dinner a celebration in honor of George Washington was given at the High School by the children of the Lorimer School at which the play entitled, "The Making of the Flag," and written by Miss Celeste Hoch, was presented.

The leading role was taken by William Richardson, who appeared as George Washington, while Helen Lamb portrayed Betty Ross. A hatchet drill carried out by 20 boys of the school brought applause from the spectators. It was followed by a flag drill in which 18 girls took part, each carrying a star spangled banner.

The program included several patriotic songs, as "Float, Bonnie Flag," "George Washington," "Little Soldier," and "The Red Cross Maid," and two solos by Dick Cunningham and Virginia Skiles.

MRS. CHAPPIUS IS GIVEN YEOMEN PRIZE

Gets Sack of Flour for Best Make-Up at Mask Ball.

Mrs. Louisa Chappius was awarded a sack of flour as the first prize given last night at the mask ball of the Yeomen which was held at West End Hall. Mrs. Chappius appeared as an old colored woman, wearing a shabby dress of manifold colors. A string of large beads around her neck carried a big alarm clock. On one foot she wore a slipper and a shoe on the other; one stocking was black and the other white.

The second prize was carried off by A. D. Wilson, who appeared as a yeoman in a white dress with green trimming. He wore white shoes and stockings. He carried a large bow and arrow. He was given three pounds of coffee for the second prize.

William Kruger was awarded the third prize, consisting of a box of laundry soap. He was dressed as a sandwich man. He wore a pair of overalls, a mackinaw and a large sombrero hat.

The masks were judged by a committee of three, composed of S. N. Dornitzer, C. L. Childs and Policeman Cy Freeman. Before the awarding of the prizes the masked dancers had to pass the judges and after reviewing the masks the judges consulted a few minutes before agreeing on the winners.

About 300 persons were present at the mask ball. More than one-half of that number wore masks while the others appeared in ball costumes.

Joe Price, district manager of the Yeomen, attracted considerable attention. He was dressed as a schoolgirl in a short white dress, carrying books under his arm. A number of other freaky masks were seen on the floor. The clown costume and the Chinese dress were given the preference. The affair was a great success and exceeded the expectations of everyone concerned. Another ball will be given by the Yeomen shortly after Lent, and it is believed that the senior event will even be more splendid than last night's ball.

MILK IN WINTER

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with R. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk, with the same feed.

F. F. BRAUN & BROS.

Mrs. Harvey C. Jones returned yesterday afternoon from Illinois where she spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Drake.

STEEL PLANT MAY LOCATE IN CAPE MAJ. HOUCK TOLD

Letter From Chicago Company Says This City is Middle West's Best Site.

WAYNE COUNTY LAND UNDERLAIN WITH ORE

Analysis Shows Iron is of excellent Quality, Says Chicagoan.

Major Gibney Houck, who returned from St. Louis yesterday morning, learned from high financial sources while there that a steel company in Chicago contemplates constructing a large plant here. Major Houck saw a letter from an official of the Chicago concern to his St. Louis representatives, in which he disclosed the plans of his company.

"While I was not authorized to disclose the names of the St. Louis parties," said Major Houck, "I can say that Cape Girardeau is looked upon by influential steel men as the logical location in the Middle West for a steel center."

"This letter shown to me discussed in detail the plans of the St. Louis corporation which recently acquired large holdings of iron land in Wayne and adjacent counties. I was informed that this company is one of the largest owners of coal lands in the United States. Its holdings in Illinois, I was told, was originally 1,000,000 acres. Half of this, however, has been transferred to the steel company in Gary, Ind."

"Mr. Lamb was the name of the Chicago steel man who wrote the letter. I do not care to reveal the names of the St. Louisans, who showed me the letter. The letter stated that an examination of the ore from the Wayne County hills showed it to be of the very best quality."

Major Houck said the Chicagoan seemed particularly interested in getting facts about Cape Girardeau, and was especially impressed with this city's advantages.

Major Houck stated that the discovery of the iron beds in Wayne County had created much interest in St. Louis. "I was very much surprised," he said, "to learn that the Wayne County discovery was so important. The letter from Mr. Lamb said that his company had received official reports of the analysis of the Southeast Missouri iron, and that it was of an excellent quality."

"I believe Cape Girardeau will be materially benefited by the development of these fields. This city, being convenient to Tebees bridge, is within easy access of the coal mines in Illinois, and also the only important city near the Wayne County fields."

"The letter from the Chicago concern also mentioned the fact that the Government was considering Cape Girardeau as a site for the proposed \$11,000,000 armor plate plant."

Major Houck learned that the company which will mine ore in Wayne County might establish a plant here. As this is the only city centrally located between the company's holdings in Illinois and the iron mines of Missouri, it would be the logical location for a steel and coke plant.

NINE CONFIRMED BY REV. WILDER

Nine adults were confirmed Saturday night by Rev. A. Wilder, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, at the parsonage in the presence of several trustees of the congregation. The following evening the same class received holy communion at services in the church. This ceremony was in English.

The class is an unusually large number of adults. As a rule the confirmation is bestowed upon the children when they leave the school.

Those who were confirmed were: John Vangilder, John Krueger and Paul Taubert, Mrs. William Brunkhorst, Mrs. Albert Rueseler, Mrs. Alvin Brunk, Mrs. Louis Kassell and Mrs. Martin Polack, and Misses Johanna Schumacher and Esther Rosenbiller.

A class of 16 children will receive confirmation and communion on the second Sunday after Easter. These children are now being instructed in the doctrines of the Lutheran faith by Rev. Wilder. They will be confirmed at a public service to be held in the church by the pastor of the congregation.

The Trinity Lutheran is one of the largest congregations in Southern Missouri, and is growing rapidly.